

[10191/2315]

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Martin MAIER et al.  
Serial No. : To Be Assigned  
Filed : Herewith  
For : FUEL INJECTOR  
Art Unit : To Be Assigned  
Examiner : To Be Assigned

Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT**

SIR:

Please amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

On the first page of the claims, first line, change "What is claimed is:" to:

*a1* --What Is Claimed Is:--.

Please cancel Claims 1-14, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

- az* --15. (New) A fuel injector for fuel injection systems of internal combustion engines,  
comprising: